(e) what is the present prices of Prednisolone formulations and what should he the prices on 55 per cent mark up; and

(f) what are the reasons for non-fixation of prices for the past eight years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Details of leader p/ices fixed for Prednisolfine formulations under DPCO, 1979 to the extent available, arc given, in the Statement. *(See below).*

(f) Does not arise.

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SI.	Nameof the Formulation	Strength	Pack Size	Leader Price with out E. D.
1.	Prednisolone Tabs	. 50mg/Tab.	. 10's St.	1 -92
2.	Do.	50mg/Tab.	. lOxiO'sSt.	19-22
3.	Do.	50mg/Tab.	SOO's Bottle	86-90
4.	Do.	. 50ms Tab.	lOOO's Bottle	173-77

Non-furnishing of purchase accounts by Drug Companies

938. SHRl PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minisier of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some drug companies did not furnish accounts of purchases of certain drugs to his Ministry in regard to finalisation of amounts due undor DPEA;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it came to the notice of his Ministry that certain companies are in possession of purchase bills which are doubtful;

<e) if so. what are the names of drug companies which did not furnish accounts of purchase or were found in possession of doubtful purchase bills; and

(d) what steps have been taken by his Ministry to determine the correct amount due under DPEA from those companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS \ND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Action as per due process of law has been taken against the companics.

Fuel Oil from Coal

939. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be plensed to state the present position with regard to commercialisation of produciion of fuel oil from coal as recommended by Sir. J. C. Ghosh Committee in 1954?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): The J. C. Ghosh Committee appointed by the Government j of India in 1955 examined the production of liquid fuels from coal. The conversion of coal to oil on a commercial scale has been examined and the finding is that the economics of such conversion is not favourable on a commercial scale in India at present.

Identification of Drugs by Kelkar Committee

940. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kelkar Committee submitted its report to his Ministry in regard to identification of

drugs under category TI of price control order;

(b) if so, what is the number and names of drugs so identified;

(c) whether it is a fact (hat the Committee was appointed to identify only drugs for category II;

(d) if so, on what basis category 1 drugs have been identified by the Committee;

fe) whether it is also a fact that the Kelkar Committee is also hearing submissions against inclusion of category I drugs made by some drug companies; and

(f) if sp, what are the names of the drugs and the companies whose cases have been heard by the Committee ?

Till- MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (c) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of the drugs identified by the Kelkar Committee for inclusion in Category II are contained in its report copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(d) Category I drugs were recommended by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and included in the First Schedule to DPCO, 1987.

fc) and (f) The term of the Kelkar Committee has been extended for a period of six months to perform the function of reviewing any representations received by the Government regaiding any discrepancies, anomalies, etc. in the list of drugs of j the new DPCO, 1987 and give its recom-' mendations to the Government on the same.

Multinationals' Pressure for New DPCO

941. SHRI M. A. BABY: DR. R. K. PODDAR:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

fa) whether it is *a* fact that the new j Drug Prices Control Order was the result ' of pressures exerted by (he drug manufacturing multi-national companies;

(b) if so, what made the Government to succumb to such pressures at the cost of the consumers in the country; and

(c) whether any investigation is likely to be made into this matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE 1)1 PARTMENT OF CHEMICALS, AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): fa) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Survej for unauthorised LPG connections

942. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: SHRI KAPIL VERMA: DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether any survey has been made to know the number of unauthorised LPG connections in Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta. Haryana and U. P. during the last two years; if so. what arc the deta its thereof; and

(b) If not, what steps Government are taking to check the growth of such unauthorised connections ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) No, Sir;

(b) Though the mechanism of periodical inspections of LPG distributorships. carried out by Sales Officers. Divisional Managers, Technical Audit Deptt., Vigilance Cell, etc., cases of unauthorised connections, too. arc detected by the Oil Companies.

Category I Drugs

943. DR. H. P. SHARMA: DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be : eased to state: